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TO SVN AND ON PARACELS

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1. FOLLOWING BOILERPLATE PRESENTATION ALLEGING US/GVN ESCALATION OF

WAR, "PRG" COL. VO DONG GIANG ANSWERED WESTERN JOURNALIST'S QUESTION
CONCERNING IMPENDING VISIT TO SVN OF US CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION. GIANG SAID THAT MANY US "SENATORS" ALREADY KNOW AID
TO SVN MUST BE STOPPED AND SAW NO NEED FOR NEW VISIT. BUT IF
THERE MUST BE AN ON-THE-SP9T INVESTIGATION, THE "PRG" DELEGATION

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"IS WILLING TO HAVE CONTACT WITH ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO

STUDY THE TRUTH OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. THAT IS
OUR ATTITUDE IN PRINCIPLE. CONCRETELY SPEAKING, IF THAT DELEGATION
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY APPOINTMENT OR
REQUEST, WE SHALL TAKE THAT
INTO CONSIDERATION LATER."

2. ON PARACELS ISLANDS, IN RESPONSE TO VIETNAMESE JOURNALIST'S
QUERY ABOUT RECENT PRC INTRODUCTION OF OIL-DRILLING PERSONNEL
WHILE DISPUTE STILL NOT SOLVED, COL. GIANT SAID "PRG" POSITION

REMAINS UNCHANGED, I.E., BORDER QUESTIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES ARE HISTORICAL AND COMPLEX AND "SHOULD BE SOLVED THROUGH
PEACEFUL CONSULTATIONS."

HE ADDED GRATUITOUSLY THAT GVN IS "TRYING TO MAKE A MAJOR
ISSUE OUT OF THIS IN ORDER TO DIVERT PUBLIC OPINION" FROM ALLEGED
WAR ESCALATION.

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